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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128  
**COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**AGENDA**

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of September 22, 2004***
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- V. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE**
  - A. CTAC RESOLUTION 23-04 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TO THE YEAR 2030 AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENT OF 1990**
- VI. ACTION ITEMS**
  - A. DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDYING SCHOOL FLASHERS – *Mike Hatcher***
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**
  - A. MIAMI BEACH ELECTROWAVE SYSTEM STUDY UPDATE – *Steve Reich, CUTR***
  - B. EVERGLADES SKYWAY PRESENTATION – *Jonathan Ullman, Sierra Club***
- VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**
- X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**
- XI. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MPO Committee Meeting Dates:**

CTAC Subcommittee	11/03/04
CTAC Full Committee	11/17/04
MPO Governing Board	11/18/04
TPC	11/08/04
TPTAC	No Meeting
BPAC	11/17/04
TARC	11/03/04

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004

**CTAC ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Hatcher, Chair

Norman Wartman, First Vice-Chair

Naomi Wright, Second Vice-Chair

Rolando Acosta

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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat

Paul Chance, MPO

Angus Lancy, MDT

Clinton Forbes, MDT

Claudette Hinton, MDT

Virginia Diaz, CITT

Moss Miles, CITT

Stephen Reich, CUTR

Mr. Mike Hatcher, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Naomi Wright. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joe Fontana moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Martin Nash. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS**

No new members

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

**V. DRAFT RESOLUTION FROM SUBCOMMITTEE**

**A. CTAC RESOLUTION 23-04 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TO THE YEAR 2030 AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENT OF 1990**

The foregoing resolution was offered by Joe Fontana, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Andrea Young, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously. There were no questions.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDYING SCHOOL FLASHERS – Mike Hatcher**

Mr. Hatcher explained to the Committee that MPO staff searched for studies around the Country regarding the effects of school zone flashers. They found one report completed by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) that concluded, “School-zone speed limit signs with flashing lights were effective in slowing vehicles.” He further explained that CTAC Resolution 20-04 recommending the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board approve a study requested by the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT), through the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), to determine if there are benefits in utilizing “school flashing lights” for safety at school crossings was presented at the transportation Planning Council meeting on Monday, October 12th. At the same time staff presented the WTSC report and the TPC felt the study was enough to justify the installation school flashers in school zones. Mr. Hatcher then suggested that resolution 20-04 be reconsidered by the Committee due to the action taken by the TPC.

Mr. Moss Miles then suggested that the Committee not reconsider Resolution 20-04 due to the uncertainty of the flashers working here if Florida specifically and that those monies could be used for other devices for school zones i.e. additional traffic lights.

After further discussion on the issue Lee Swerdlin made a motion to reconsider Resolution 20-04 and was seconded by Frank Hernandez. Upon being put to a vote the motion was passed 15-12. It was then brought to the Chair's attention that the motion needed a two-thirds vote to be reconsidered. After further discussion, the Chair directed staff to look at the By-Laws for this information. Staff then found By-Law language which nullified the original vote. The Secretariat read the language and proceeded to direct the Committee on the proper procedure to reconsider a Resolution.

From the original Resolution meeting date, only those who voted in favor could make a motion to forward it to the present Committee for reconsideration. Naomi Wright, who had originally voted for the Resolution, made a motion to reconsider Resolution 20-04. Andrea Young, who also originally voted for the adoption of Resolution 20-04, seconded the motion. A vote was then taken by only those members who were originally present at the initial meeting and was passed by majority vote of 11-2.

The motion was then carried to the current Committee, where there were 27 members present over the 19 present at the original meeting, for a vote. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to reconsider Resolution 20-04 was not accomplished because a two-thirds majority was not attained (12-15). The Resolution will be forwarded to the TPC once again for consideration.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. MIAMI BEACH ELECTROWAVE SYSTEM STUDY UPDATE – Steve Reich, CUTR**

Steve Reich from the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) was present to conduct a presentation on the status of Miami-Dade Transit's (MDT) Miami Beach Electrowave Study. MDT hired CUTR to conduct a study to look at the issues and costs associated with MDT taking over the Electrowave system. In the presentation he spoke about the scope of work done, the history of the Electrowave, operations arrangement of the Electrowave, the performance measure, cross comparisons, and four scenarios that were examined and then concluded with their findings as well as the following:

- The scope of work identified the concerns and issues, examining the options, looking at the cost and comparing those cost.
- The Electrowave is a two way shuttle serving South Beach 5.8 miles in length. The shuttle was established in 1999. In 2001 there were some liability issues. Initially there were no ridership fees. Later in the year the city added a 0.25 ridership fee. In 2002, the Collins Avenue route was added. October of 2001, the City of Miami Beach contracted with Miami Beach TMA.
- He spoke about the differences between the Route W which is run by MDT.
- The Electrowave in the past has been funded by both the City and State.
- He displayed a System Performance chart to the Committee based on the drop in ridership when the \$0.25 fare was introduced on the Electrowave. Mr. Reich also

showed a chart of the amount of time the Electrowave shuttles had to be towed in back to the shop. The results showed they were towed on average 400 times a month.

- He presented four options: 1) leaving the system as is; 2) the County taking over the shuttle service; 3) the City retaining the service and incorporating the W service; and 4) and the City being compensated by the County or the County taking over the service and contracting it to someone.
- In conclusion, the study has found if policy makers are contemplating the County directly assume operation for the circulator, they might be in conflict with their policy section 13-C. If that is their decision, the financial contribution from the City of Miami Beach should cover the additional cost for the County to take over the service.
- The report estimates, under the current arrangement, the circulator system will come under 1.9 million dollars this fiscal year. CUTR calculated if the County was to assume operations it would cost 2.3 million dollars. A difference of 374,000.

After the presentation CTAC members asked several questions and Mr. Reich responded accordingly:

- Did MDT ask you to do this study?
- Have you already reported to MDT your findings?
- Have they given you a reaction?
- Are you aware that the City and the county are in negotiations?
- Are you aware also the figures that you are reporting are a little unbalanced to what the negotiations are between the city and the county?

CTAC member, Joseph Fontana, expressed another concern by stating “As of today, MDT still has not given a statement to the City of Miami Beach on where they stand.” Clinton Forbes, Assistant to the Director, was on hand to address Mr. Fontana’s concern. Mr. Forbes informed the Committee that they are in negotiations with the City of Miami Beach, and this is a major investment that the County wants to be sure in making the best decision. MDT is still reviewing all the costs and all the facts that CUTR has provided. MDT has met with the City several times and will continue to meet with them on this issue.

## **B. EVERGLADES SKYWAY**

Presenter was not present.

## **VIII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

A letter from CITT Chair, Marc Buoniconti, was received in response to the CTAC requesting that the CITT consider televising their meetings and also to meet in the evening hours. He states that they are in complete agreement that meeting in the evenings and televising their proceedings provide greater public access. He further states that staff is currently working with the various municipalities that have cable access channels to hold their meeting at their locations in the evenings.

I would like to take a moment to remind all members that while we have differing opinions on issues we must remain respectful to one another. Having differing opinions is what makes us so interesting and we need those differing opinions to fully understand all sides of an issue.

I would also like to clarify for new members and remind the veteran members that as per the CTAC By-Laws:

**9.02 Secretariat Duties**

*b) Sergeant of Arms: The CTAC Secretariat shall be designated the Sergeant of Arms at every CTAC meeting. The Sergeant of Arms shall maintain order and be empowered to request the removal from the meeting of any committee member who after three (3) warnings (per meeting) has caused disorder.*

**IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT**

The November CTAC Subcommittee will be held on the 12th Floor in the front conference room.

The Full CTAC meeting will be held on November 17th at the FDOT District VI's SunGuide Transportation management Center at 1001 NW 111th Avenue.

**X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION**

No report

**XI. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST**

Mr. Corradino requested an update be given regarding what the various municipalities are doing in regards to their PTP funds.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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